

Situations Where Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Monitoring Requirements Are Not Completed On Time.

Purpose. It is the purpose of this document to provide guidance to inspectors in situations where an operator does not complete its RVSM monitoring requirements on time.

The RVSM Minimum Monitoring Requirements on the FAA RVSM Documentation Webpage calls for the operator to complete the appropriate monitoring requirements “not later than 6 months after the issue of operational approval or not later than the start of North American RVSM operations, whichever occurs later. Additionally, operators will be required to have monitoring every two years or 1000 flight hours whichever is longer in accordance with the aircraft categories in the Minimum Monitoring Requirements tables.

If an operator does not complete the requirements within the allotted time:

- It is the operator’s responsibility to contact the FSDO, CMO or CHDO to discuss the situation and provide an updated plan for completing the monitoring requirements. If the operator does not contact the FSDO, CMO or CHDO, the inspectors should contact the operator. The FAA Separation Standards Analysis Team in conjunction with NARRMO will notify inspectors when an operator is suspected of not completing requirements on time.
- The operator’s updated monitoring plan must provide for the operator completing minimum monitoring requirements for its aircraft group(s) within 3 months after the original due date. During this time, the operator may continue to operate in RVSM airspace.
- Failure to complete monitoring requirements within the additional 3 months will result in operators being excluded from RVSM airspace and the LOA or OpSpecs amended accordingly, unless the FAA determines that circumstances prevented the operator from completing the requirements. (A PTRS data entry will provide an update to the RVSM Approvals Database. Page 3 of the PTRS Data Entry Job Aid provides codes for LOA withdrawal. The Job Aid is posted under FAA Inspector Guidance on the FAA RVSM Documentation Webpage).

Monitoring Options. Operators have the option of completing their monitoring requirements using the GPS-based Monitoring Unit, the ground-based Aircraft Geometric Height Measurement Element (AGHME) deployed in the domestic U.S. and Canada or a European Height Measurement Unit. (See the Monitoring Requirements and Procedures section of the FAA RVSM Documentation Webpage (http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/enroute/rvsm/documentation/)).

AGHME Updates.

1. Successful AGHME monitoring flights for individual airplanes are now being posted on the North American Approvals Registry and Monitoring Organization (NAARMO) Webpage.

2. **Webpage.** This document will be posted on the FAA RVSM Documentation Webpage in the “FAA Inspector Guidance” and “Monitoring Requirements and Procedures” sections.

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